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IT is a mercy never to be forgotten, that when the Lord might juſtly quarrell with a ſinfull Nation for their tranſgreſſions, he powreth out his wrath on their enemies; and that as the malice and rage of our Adverſaries is renewed againſt us, ſo are the Lords mercies much more manifeſted from yeer to yeer. It is much about this time the laſt yeer, when our Commiſſioners were treating with his Majeſty, that the enemy having gathered togeather, were broken in pieces by a handfull of our forces, and now this yeer after long preparations

made in Forrain Countries, that Excommunicate Traytor *James Grahame* having landed with some forces in *Orkney*, did, about the tenth of *April*, in the midst of the Treaty with the King, come into *Caithnes* in a hostile manner to kill, plunder, and destroy after his wonted manner; but the Lord out of his Gracious and wonderfull kindnesse, hath prevented his designes.

Lievtenant Generall *Lesley* having appoynted a Rendezvous of our forces at *Brichen* the 25. of *April*, did make all possible haste against the enemy, marching thirty miles every day, and to put a stop to the enemies advance, he sent Lieutenant Collonel *Strauchan* before him, to command the Troupes that were lying about *Rosse*, and *Innernesse*.

Upon *Satterday* the twenty seventh of *April*, the enemy was quartered at *Strachekell* in *Rosse*, Lieutenant Collonel *Strauchan* with his owne Troup, Collonel *Montgomeries*, Collonel *Kers*, Lieutenant Collonel *Hackets*, and the Irish Troup, were quartered about *Kincairne*, their number that were present being only about two hundred and thirty. The Officers being conveened, and having considered the great scarcity of provisions for horse, and that it was very probable, the enemies strength being in foot, they would take the hills upon the advance of more of our horses, they concluded to fight that wicked crew with the force they had, but the Lords day approaching, and the enemy being ten miles distant, they were in doubt whether to march towards them presently, or to delay till *Munday*, and so decline the hazard of Ingaging upon the Lords day; But this doubt was soon removed for notice was presently brought that the enemy was marched from *Strachekell* to *Corbisdale*, six miles nearer unto them; Whereupon they forthwith drew up in

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three parties, the first consisting of neer one hundred horse, to be led on by Lieutenant Colonel *Strauchan*, the second some more then eighty, to be led on by Lieutenant Colonel *Hacket*, the third about forty to be led on by Captaine *Hutchinson*, and thirty six musquetiers of *Lawers* Regiment (which were occasionally upon the place) to be led on by Quartermaster *Sham*: After prayer by Mr. *Gilbert Hall*, whom the Commission of the Generall Assembly had appointed to attend these Troops, they marched about three of the clock in the afternoon towards the Enemy, who were drawn up in a Plaine near a Hill of scroggie wood, to which, upon the advance of our horses, they quickly retired: Yet Lieutenant Colonel *Strauchan* persued them into the Wood, and at the first charge made them all to run; The LORD did strike such a terrour into their hearts, as their most resolute Commanders had not the courage to lift a hand to defend themselves: And our Forces without opposition did execution upon them for five or six miles, even till Sunne-set: There were killed ten of their best Commanders, most of their Officers taken, and three hundred eightie and six common souldiers: The number of the whole (as the prisoners inform) was not above twelve hundred, of all which there escaped not one hundred, but were either taken prisoners, killed or drowned in a river that was near the place; The chief standard, called the Kings, and four others are taken. What is become of that Traitor *James Graham* is not certain, but that horse which he rode upon when the forces engaged is taken, also his coat with the star and his sword belt were found in the field: The harm which our Forces have got from the Enemy is very little (Blessed be the LORD who covered their head

in the day of battell. Lieutenant-Colonel *Strauchan* received a shot upon his belly, but lighting upon the double of his belt and buffe coat it did not pierce: One of our troopers too forwardly hasting after a boat which carried two or three of the enemy over the River was drowned, and two are wounded, which is all the losse. Advertisement was sent that same night to all parts about to apprehend all that escaped, but the account is not returned: The Gentlemen of the shire of *Rosse* were drawn together in the hils to engage against the enemy, if they had come that way, and were very ready to provide our troops with supplies of all things necessary, for which they deserve to be remembred.

The Enemy left some small part of his Forces in *Caithnes* to keep some Houses, and to raise Forces in that Country, and sent some few to other places to bring them assistance, against whom the Lieutenant Generall hath sent such Forces, as we trust shall speedily give a good account of them.

It remains that we be truly thankfull unto the LORD our GOD; for so seasonable and so compleat a victory over so wicked and cruell an Enemy, and that we look upon it as a pledge of greater mercies which the LORD hath to bestow upon us, if he shall in his wisdom think fit to put us to harder trialls in the defence of His Cause and Covenant.

It is omitted in the Relation, that Captain *William Rosse*, and Captain *John Rosse*, came up to the Execution with eighty foot chosen out of the country Forces, and did good service.

A List

A List of Officers Taken.

Lord *Frendraught*,
Generall Major *Urrie*,
Colonel *Gray*,
Lieuten. Colonel *Stuart*,
Lieuten. Colonel *Hay*, brother to the Laird of *Nachton*,
Major *Fleck*,
Captain *Mortimer*,
Rootmaster *Vallenſus*,
Peter Sans, Cap. of Dragoons
Captain *Warden*,
Captain *Auchinleck*,
Captain *Spotſwood*,
Captain *Charters*,
Captain *Lawſone*,
Capt. Lieutenant *Guſtavus*,
Lieutenant *Verkim*,
Lieutenant *Andro Glen*,
Lieutenant *Robert Touch*,
Erneſtus Buerham,
Laurence van *Luitenberg*,
Lieuten. *David Drummond*,
Lieutenant *William Roſſe*,
Lieutenant *Drummond*,
Lieutenant *James Din*,
Lieutenant *Alex. Stuart*,
Cornet *Ralph Marlie*, Engliſhman.
Cornet *Hendrick Erlach*,
Cornet *Daniel Bennich*,
Robert Graham Enſigne,
Adrian Ringewergh Enſigne
Hans Boaz, Enſigne,
2. Quartermaſters,
6. Serjants,
15. Corporalls,
2. Trumpeters,
3. Drumers,
386. Souldiers,
Mr. *Kiddie*, Mr. *Meldrum*, } Miniſters

A List of the Officers Killed.

Laird of *Pourie Ogilvie*,
Laird of *Petfothells*, younger, ſtanderd bearer,
John Douglas, brother to the Earle of *Morton*.
Major *Lylle*,
Major *Bigger*,
Captain *Stirling*,
Captain *Powell*.
Captain *Erſkin*.

Captain *Swan*, Captain *Garrie*, and Lieutenant *Holme*, either killed or taken.

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Captain Powell.

Killed or taken.

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